

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. A method of equalizing a signal comprising at
2 least the following steps:

3 a) shifting data in a series of input data blocks
4 to the left;

5 b) complex multiplying each of the left shifted
6 data blocks by a first set of equalizer coefficients to
7 provide first adjusted output data blocks, wherein step b)
8 is not a full solution to ghosts;

9 c) complex multiplying each of the input data
10 blocks by a second set of equalizer coefficients to provide
11 second adjusted output data blocks, wherein step c) is not a
12 full solution to ghosts;

13 d) shifting the data in each of the input data
14 blocks of data to the right;

15 e) complex multiplying each of the right shifted
16 input data blocks by a third set of equalizer coefficients
17 to provide third adjusted output data blocks, wherein step
18 e) is not a full solution to ghosts; and,

19 f) adding corresponding ones of the first, second,
20 and third adjusted output data blocks so as to provide a
21 substantially full solution to ghosts.

1 2. The method of claim 1 wherein step a)
2 comprises the step of down sampling each of the input data
3 blocks, wherein step c) comprises the step of down sampling
each of the input data blocks, and wherein step d) comprises
the step of down sampling each of the input data blocks.

1 3. The method of claim 1 further comprising the
2 step of g) applying a spectral transformation prior to steps
3 a), c), and d), wherein the spectral transformation is
4 longer than an input data block.

1 4. The method of claim 1 further comprising the
2 step of g) applying pre-processing coefficients to each data
3 block prior to steps a), c), and d).

1 5. The method of claim 4 wherein the pre-
2 processing coefficients are curved.

1 6. The method of claim 4 wherein the pre-
2 processing coefficients are curved substantially according
3 to a function $1/(2 - \cos(t))$.

1 7. The method of claim 4 wherein the pre-
2 processing coefficients form a pure window function.

1 8. The method of claim 4 wherein the pre-
2 processing coefficients have a width that is substantially
3 coincident with the width of each of the input data blocks
4 and an interval between one of the input data blocks and its
5 ghost.

1 9. The method of claim 4 wherein step a)
2 comprises the step of down sampling each of the input data
3 blocks, wherein step c) comprises the step of down sampling
4 each of the input data blocks, and wherein step d) comprises
5 the step of down sampling each of the input data blocks.

1 10. The method of claim 9 wherein the pre-
2 processing coefficients are curved.

1 11. The method of claim 9 wherein the pre-
2 processing coefficients are curved substantially according
3 to a function $1/(2 - \cos(t))$.

1 12. The method of claim 9 wherein the pre-
2 processing coefficients form a pure window function.

1 13. The method of claim 9 wherein the pre-
2 processing coefficients have a width that is substantially
3 coincident with the width of each of the input data blocks
4 and an interval between one of the input data blocks and its
5 ghost.

1 14. The method of claim 4 further comprising the
2 step of h) applying a spectral transformation between the
3 step g) and the steps a), c), and d), wherein the spectral
4 transformation is longer than an input data block.

1 15. A method of substantially eliminating a ghost
2 of a received main signal and reducing noise enhancement
3 comprising the following steps:

4 a) processing the received main signal and the
5 ghost along n paths to produce n processed main signals and
6 n processed ghosts, wherein processing along each of the n
7 paths does not substantially eliminate the ghost, wherein n
8 > 3 , and wherein processing along at least some of the n
paths includes shifting data; and,

9 b) adding the n processed main signals and the n
10 processed ghosts such that, because of the addition of the n
11 processed main signals and the n processed ghosts, the ghost
12 of the received main signal is substantially eliminated.

13 16. The method of claim 15 wherein step a)
14 comprises the step of down sampling data in at least some of
15 the n paths.

1 17. The method of claim 15 further comprising the
2 step of applying a spectral transformation prior to step a).

1 18. The method of claim 15 further comprising the
2 step of c) applying pre-processing coefficients to the
3 received main signal and the ghost prior to step a).

1 19. The method of claim 18 wherein the pre-
2 processing coefficients are curved.

1 20. The method of claim 19 wherein the pre-
2 processing coefficients have a width that is substantially
3 coincident with the width of the received main signal and an
4 interval between the received main signal and the ghost.

1 21. The method of claim 18 wherein the pre-
2 processing coefficients are curved substantially according
3 to a function $1/(2 - \cos(t))$.

1 22. The method of claim 18 wherein the pre-
2 processing coefficients form a pure window function.

1 23. The method of claim 18 wherein the pre-
2 processing coefficients have a width that is substantially
3 coincident with the width of the received main signal and an
4 interval between the received main signal and the ghost.

1 24. The method of claim 18 wherein step a)
2 comprises the step of down sampling data in at least some of
3 the n paths.
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1 25. The method of claim 18 further comprising the
2 step of applying a spectral transformation between step a)
3 and step c).
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1 26. An equalizer for processing blocks of data
2 comprising:
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4 n processing paths arranged to process the blocks
5 of data;
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7 n - 1 data shifters, wherein each of the n - 1
8 data shifters is in a corresponding one of the n processing
paths so that one of the n processing path has no data
shifter;

9 n finite filters, wherein each of the n finite
10 filters is in a corresponding one of the n processing paths,
11 wherein each of the n finite filters applies a corresponding
12 set of finite filter coefficients to the blocks of data,
13 wherein ghosts of the blocks of data are not eliminated as a
14 result of the application of the sets of finite filter
15 coefficients corresponding to the n finite filters, and
16 wherein $n > 2$; and,

17 an adder arranged to add outputs from the n
18 processing paths, wherein the addition eliminates ghosts of
19 the blocks of data.

20 27. The equalizer of claim 26 further comprising
21 a spectral transformation applied upstream of the n
22 processing paths, wherein the spectral transformation is
23 longer than a block of data.
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25 28. The equalizer of claim 26 further comprising
26 a pre-processor that applies pre-processor coefficients to
27 each data block upstream of the n processing paths.
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1 29. The equalizer of claim 28 wherein the pre-
2 processing coefficients have a width that is substantially
3 coincident with the width of one of the data blocks and an
4 interval between the one data block and its ghost.

1 30. The equalizer of claim 28 wherein the pre-
2 processing coefficients are curved.

1 31. The equalizer of claim 30 wherein the pre-
2 processing coefficients have a width that is substantially
3 coincident with the width of one of the data blocks and an
4 interval between the one data block and its ghost.

1 32. The equalizer of claim 28 wherein the pre-
2 processing coefficients are curved substantially according
3 to a function $1/(2 - \cos(t))$.

1 33. The equalizer of claim 28 wherein the pre-
2 processing coefficients form a pure window function.

1 34. The equalizer of claim 28 further comprising
2 a spectral transformation applied downstream of the pre-
3 processor and upstream of the n processing paths, wherein
4 the spectral transformation is longer than a block of data.

1 35. The equalizer of claim 26 further comprising
2 *Al cont.* n down samplers, wherein each of the n down samplers is in a
3 corresponding one of the n processing paths, and wherein
4 each of the n down samplers down samples each data block.

1 36. The equalizer of claim 26 wherein half of the
2 $n - 1$ data shifters shifts data in the data blocks to the
3 left, and wherein half of the $n - 1$ data shifters shifts the
4 data in the data blocks to the right.

1 37. The equalizer of claim 26 wherein n is an odd
2 integer, wherein half of the $n - 1$ data shifters shifts data
3 in the data blocks to the left, and wherein half of the $n -$
4 1 data shifters shifts the data in the data blocks to the
5 right.

1 38. The equalizer of claim 26 wherein $n > 4$.